## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator:		Team:	CCRB Case #:	V	Force	$\overline{\mathbf{V}}$	Discourt	. U.S.
Thomas Juliano		Squad #06	202104829	☑	Abuse		O.L.	✓ Injury
Incident Date(s)		Location of Incident:		18 Mo. SOL			Precinct:	
Friday, 08/13/2021 1:37 AM, Friday, 08/13/2021 2:12 AM		§ 87(2)(b)   § 87(2)(b)   Hospital			2/13/2023			32
Date/Time CV Reported		CV Reported At:	How CV Reported	:	Date/Tim	e Rec	eived at CC	CRB
Mon, 08/16/2021 8:55 AM		CCRB	On-line website		Mon, 08/	16/202	21 8:55 A	M
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Addr	ess					
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command					
1. PO Dylan Arencibia	22004	964890	PSA 6					
2. POM Orandi Guzman	23322	969764	PSA 6					
Witness Officer(s)	Shield N	o Tax No	Cmd Name					
1. PO Jason Squillace	03415	943843	BX COURT					
Officer(s)	Allegatio	on .			Inv	estiga	ator Reco	mmendation
A.PO Dylan Arencibia	Force: A Dylan A	in M rencibia struck § <sup>87(2)(6)</sup>	Manhattan, Police Off with a vehicle.					
B.PO Dylan Arencibia	Force: A Dylan Ai	in M rencibia used physical f	fanhattan, Police Off force against § 87(2)(b)	ficer				
C.PO Dylan Arencibia		esy: At <sup>§ 87(2)(b)</sup> Dylan Arencibia spoke d	in Manhattan, Poli discourteously to §870					
D.PO Dylan Arencibia	Force: A Dylan A	in M rencibia used a chokeho	Ianhattan, Police Off old against § 87(2)(6)	ficer				
E.PO Dylan Arencibia		in M rencibia disseminated in edical status.	Manhattan, Police Of nformation regarding					
F.PO Dylan Arencibia	Abuse: A Dylan Ar hospital.	in M rencibia forcibly remove	Manhattan, Police Of red § 87(2)(6) to the		r			
G.PO Dylan Arencibia	Abuse: A Dylan Ar business	At \$87(2)(6) Hospital in M. rencibia failed to provid card.	Manhattan, Police Office Office With					
H.POM Orandi Guzman		at <sup>§ 87(2)(6)</sup> Hospital in M Fuzman failed to provide card.						

## **Case Summary**

On August 16, 2021, \$87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB via the online website. On August 13, 2021, 38(2)(b) was outside on the sidewalk of a NYCHA building when PO Dylan Arencibia of PSA 6 struck struck with the mirror of his vehicle (Allegation A – Force: PO Arencibia exited the van, took \$87(2)(b) to the ground (Allegation B– Force: PO Arencibia asked \$87(2)(6) "Are you fucking dumb?" in addition to other profanity captured on BWC (Allegation C – Discourtesy: §87(2)(g) PO Arencibia placed in a chokehold (Allegation D – Force: § 87(2)(g) PO Arencibia allegedly stated was schizophrenic in front of bystanders (Allegation E – Abuse of Authority: PO Arencibia forcibly removed \$87(2)(b) to \$87(2)(b) Hospital (**Allegation F – Abuse** At \$87(2)(6) Hospital, \$87(2)(6) asked PO Arencibia and PO Orandi Guzman of PSA6 for business cards, but did not receive any (Allegations G and H – Abuse of Authority: § 87(2)(g) No arrests or summonses resulted from this incident. Three BWC videos of this incident were obtained and can be found in IAs #61-63. A summary of the footage can be found in IA #64 (BR 01). **Findings and Recommendations** Allegation A – Force: At § 87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Dylan Arencibia with a vehicle. struck § 87(2)(b) testified that on August 13, 2021, at approximately 1:37 a.m., he exited his building, in Manhattan, when he saw three police cars in the building's parking lot, across from where \$87(2)(6) was standing. \$87(2)(6) who was standing in the roadway, turned around and saw a police van, driven by PO Arencibia, standing behind him. The van did not have its lights or sirens on. \$37(2)(6) did not know if PO Arencibia, the driver, wanted him to go left or right and pointed each way with his hand to try and ask PO Arencibia. PO Arencibia drove past on the left and \$87(2)(b) moved over. \$87(2)(b) raised his hands as he was upset that the van drove close to him. As PO Arencibia drove past, the passenger side mirror hit into \$87(2)(6) forearm, causing the mirror to fold in. The mirror lightly hit \$57(2)(6) arm and did not cause pain or injury. PO Arencibia then stopped the van (BR 02). PO Arencibia testified that was driving his marked police van in a NYCHA complex with his partner, PO Guzman, in the passenger seat. A lieutenant, who PO Arencibia did not recall, called over the air stating that a vehicle was stolen and requested the officers' assistance in conducting a vertical patrol, which was a non-emergency. PO Arencibia drove on the walking path of the NYCHA complex, which emergency vehicles are authorized to drive on. PO Arencibia drove approximately 10 mph with his turret lights on when he came across \$87(2)(5) who he was familiar with from a previous incident. \$87(2)(b) stood in the middle of the walkway and pointed left or right to ask PO Arencibia which direction he should go. PO Arencibia veered left with his van, and walked around the right side of the van. As \$87(2)(b) got to the passenger side and as PO Arencibia was driving past, \$37(2)(b) hit the passenger side mirror closed. PO Arencibia did not strike \$87(2)(b) with the van and there was enough room on the walkway for him to pass safely. PO Arencibia did not know how exactly \$87(2)(b) closed the mirror as he was focused on the road. Upon realizing that \$87(2)(6) hit the van, PO Arencibia stopped the van and exited (BR 03). PO Guzman's statement was consistent with PO Arencibia's statement. He testified that \$37(2)(6)

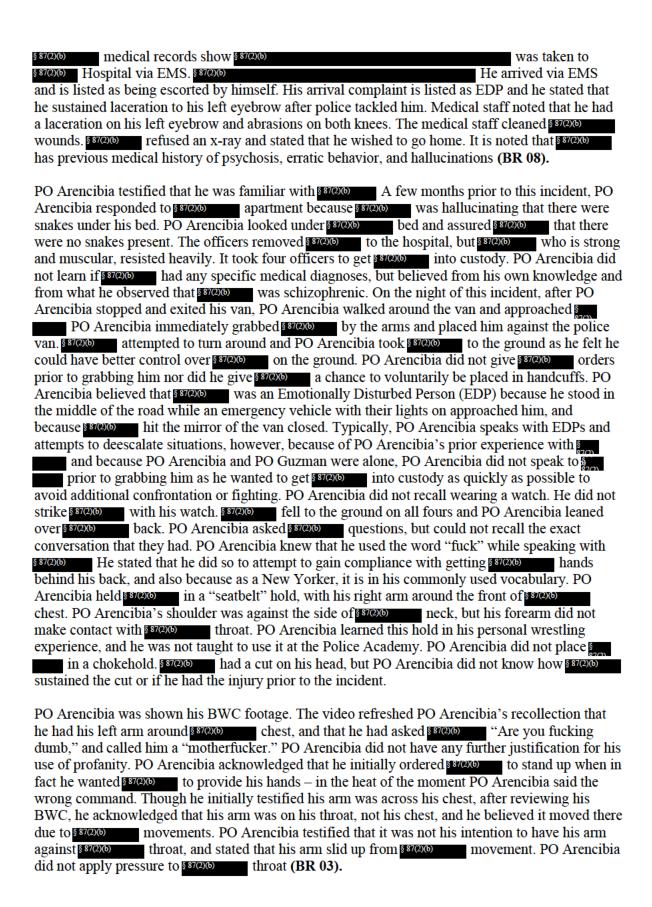
PO Guzman's BWC footage, starting at the 00:35 mark of the timestamp visible at the bottom of

deliberately hit the van's mirror closed and that PO Arencibia did not strike [887(2)(b)] with the van

(BR 04).

Arencibia. The van slows almost to a stop before beginning to move again. At 00:38, \$87(2)(6) seen on the passenger side of the van. [887(2)(b)] reaches up with his hand and pushes the van's mirror closed with his hand (BR 05). \$ 87(2)(b) testified that PO Arencibia past him with the marked police van and struck \$ 87(2)(b) arm with the passenger side mirror of the van. PO Arencibia and PO Guzman both denied that PO Arencibia struck \$87(2)(b) with the van's mirror. The BWC supports their statement that \$87(2)(b) deliberately closed the mirror, and shows that PO Arencibia slowed down to almost a complete stop upon approaching § 87(2)(b) Allegation B – Force: At \$87(2)(6) in Manhattan, Police Officer Dylan Arencibia used physical force against § 87(2)(b) Allegation C – Discourtesy: At \$87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Dylan Arencibia spoke discourteously to \$87(2)(b) Allegation D – Force: At § 87(2)(b) in Manhattan, Police Officer Dylan Arencibia used a chokehold against § 87(2)(b) PO Guzman's BWC footage, starting at the 00:45 mark of the timestamp visible at the bottom of the screen, shows that after \$87(2)(b) hit the van's mirror closed, both officers exited the van. PO Arencibia walks around the back of the van and approaches \$87(2)(6) who stands still while appearing to be on his phone. PO Arencibia grabs \$87(2)(b) by the shoulder and pushes him against the van. \$87(2)(b) turns his body to the left, and PO Arencibia wraps his arms around \$87(2)(b) mid-section, and pulls him to the ground (BR 05). PO Arencibia's BWC footage, starting at the 00:59 mark of the timestamp visible at the bottom of the screen, is a continuation of the same moment. PO Arencibia's BWC falls to the ground and points up and shows §87(2)(b) on all fours and PO Arencibia on top of him. At 01:01, PO Arencibia asks 887(2)(b) "Are you fucking dumb?" PO Arencibia then orders 887(2)(b) to get up while on top of his back. At 01:10, PO Arencibia places his left forearm across \$87(2)(b) throat and grab's right shoulder. At 01:19, PO Guzman picks up PO Arencibia's camera and the view is obscured. At 01:28, the view is restored and PO Arencibia's arm is no longer around \$87(2)(b) neck. PO Arencibia orders \$87(2)(b) to put his arms behind his back. \$87(2)(b) asks PO Arencibia if he will allow him to get up, and PO Arencibia responds by repeatedly ordering \$3000 to place his arms behind his back. PO Arencibia tells PO Guzman to call for an ambulance. At 02:12, PO Arencibia orders \$87(2)(6) again to place his hands behind his back, and asks \$87(2)(6) "The fuck is wrong with you?" At 02:34, the officers place \$87(2)(6) in handcuffs and stand him up. At 02:28, PO Arencibia states, "Motherfucker, you just hit the thing. What is wrong with you?" (BR 06). 1887(2)(b) testimony was consistent with the BWC footage. He testified that he was standing next to the van on his phone attempting to record when PO Arencibia asked him, "Are you fucking dumb." PO Arencibia then grabbed him and took him to the ground without first attempting to handcuff him or giving him any orders. As PO Arencibia tackled 887(2)(b) PO Arencibia wrapped his arm around \$87(2)(b) upper body, hitting his watch on \$87(2)(b) left eyebrow. \$87(2)(b) sustained a cut and was bleeding on his face. §87(2)(b) fell forward and landed on his hands and knees, causing scratches to his knees. PO Arencibia ordered (\$57(2)(b) to lay on the ground, however, \$87(2)(6) did not want to put his open wound onto the ground (BR 02). provided three photos to the investigation. The first photo shows a cut to his left eyebrow and dried blood on his nose. The second and third photos show cuts to \$87(2)6 knees (BR 07).

the screen, shows that PO Guzman was in the passenger seat of a marked police van driven by PO



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Officers should inform prisoners of authority and cause of arrest, unless physical resistance, flight, or other factors render such procedure impractical (BR 09) NYPD Patrol Guide, Procedure 208-02.

When appropriate and consistent with personal safety, members of service (MOS) will use descalation techniques to safely gain voluntary compliance. MOS are to use the minimum force necessary to effect an arrest. In determining whether the use of force is reasonable, MOS should consider the nature and severity of the crime, actions taken by the subject, duration of the action, immediacy of the perceived threat, whether the subject is actively resisting custody, whether the subject is attempting to evade arrest by flight, number of subjects in comparison to the number of MOS, size, age, and condition of the subject in comparison to the MOS, subject's violent history if known, presence of hostile crowd or agitators, and if the subject is under the influence of any substances. Officers shall not use a chokehold. A chokehold shall include, but is not limited to, and pressure to the throat or windpipe, which may prevent of hinder breathing or reduce intake of air (BR 10) NYPD Patrol Guide, Procedure 221-01.

Police officers must be courteous and respectful when dealing with civilians <u>NYPD Patrol Guide</u>. Procedure 203-09 (**BR 10**). While officers are allowed to use discourteous language during stressful situations, officers are only permitted to do so when scenes are so chaotic that the duty of courteousness and professional behavior should be overridden by the immediate need to maintain order. Disciplinary Case No. 2017 17005 (**BR 12**).

The BWC shows that PO Arencibia did not inform that he was being placed into custody prior to grabbing him nor did he afford the ability to voluntarily comply with being taken into custody prior to his use of force. PO Arencibia testified that he did this because he had a prior experience with in which he was an EDP and four officers struggled to get him into custody, so he took him to the ground to get him into custody as quickly as possible to avoid further confrontation. However, the BWC footage shows that at the moment that PO Arencibia grabbed was standing still looking at his phone and showing no signs of violence. Additionally, the officers outnumbered two-to-one. PO Arencibia's actions were an escalation of the incident, which goes against the Patrol Guide's mandate of de-escalation.
It is undisputed that PO Arencibia cursed at said, "Motherfucker you hit the thing." PO Arencibia testified that he utilized the profanity to gain compliance, however, neither use of profanity was used in the context of a command, and the latter was made after was in custody.
The BWC footage shows that after was on the ground, PO Arencibia placed his arm around neck, with his forearm against his throat, which is classified as a chokehold as per Patrol Guide, Procedure 221-01.
Allegation E – Abuse of Authority: At \$3000 in Manhattan, Police Officer Dylan

testified that there were approximately ten bystanders observing from approximately six

Arencibia disseminated information regarding §87(2)(6)

medical status.

feet away. After the officers placed \$87000 in handcuffs, PO Arencibia told PO Jason Squillace of PSA6, who arrived after was placed in handcuffs, that 87(2)(6) was a paranoid schizophrenic. Serco believed that the bystanders heard PO Arencibia make the statement due to their close proximity. Solution told PO Arencibia that he was not, and that he was never diagnosed as such (BR 02). PO Arencibia testified that there were bystanders who observed the incident. PO Arencibia did not tell the bystanders that \$87(2)(6) suffered from schizophrenia (BR 03). PO Arencibia's BWC footage, starting at the 04:50 mark of the timestamp visible at the bottom of the screen, shows that after [37(2)6) is in custody, PO Squillace arrives on scene. PO Arencibia, who is standing near the rear of the van, tells PO Squillace in a low voice that [87(2)] is schizophrenic and that he has dealt with him before. \$87(2)(6) replies in a loud voice that it is defamation as he does not suffer from schizophrenia. At 05:04, the bystanders are seen approximately one car-length from the front of the van and looking in the opposite direction (BR testified that PO Arencibia told PO Squillace that he was schizophrenic in the presence of bystanders, and that he believed that they heard the statement. The BWC footage shows that PO Arencibia told PO Squillace at the rear of the police van, in a low voice, that \$87(2)(0) schizophrenic, and that the bystanders were over a car length away in front of the van. Additionally, there is no indication that the bystanders heard the statement as they were faced in the opposite direction. § 87(2)(g) Allegation F – Abuse of Authority: At §87(2)(6) in Manhattan, Police Officer Dylan Arencibia forcibly removed 887(2)(5) to the hospital. alleged that PO Arencibia called for an ambulance and that he was taken to \$3000 Hospital where he had his injuries looked at and did not receive a psychiatric evaluation. was not upset about going to the hospital as he wanted to have his injuries looked at. Doctors examined § 87(2)(b) physical injuries and wanted to take x-rays, but \$87(2)(6) refused as he wanted to go home (BR 02). medical records show that § 87(2)(6) was taken to Hospital via EMS. \$87(2)(6) He arrived via EMS and is listed as being escorted by himself. His arrival complaint is listed as EDP and he stated that he sustained laceration to his left eyebrow after police tackled him. Medical staff noted that he had a laceration on his left eyebrow and abrasions on both knees. The medical staff cleaned wounds. STOO refused an x-ray and stated that he wished to go home. It is noted that STOO has previous medical history of psychosis, erratic behavior, and hallucinations (BR 08). was an EDP because of a previous interaction that he had with \$37000 in which \$37000 hallucinated that there were snakes under his bed. PO Arencibia thought that \$87(2)(6) needed medical attention as he stood in the middle of the roadway as an emergency vehicle approached him, and because § \$7000 hit the van's mirror closed. PO Arencibia decided to call EMS to the scene to evaluate service and to defer to their decision on how to handle the situation. Once EMTs arrived, PO Arencibia explained what transpired to an EMT who ultimately decided to remove § 87(2)(b) to the hospital (BR 06). PO Guzman testified that he believed that \$87(2)(b) could have been charged with criminal mischief for striking the van's mirror, however, PO Arencibia made the decision to remove

someto the hospital because he was an EDP. PO Guzman could not recall if there were any additional factors indicating that \$87(2)(6) was an EDP other than \$87(2)(6) hitting the van's mirror. PO Guzman could not recall if \$870)60 said anything about or did anything that was a potential harm to himself or others (BR 04). PO Arencibia's BWC footage, starting at the 18:02 mark of the timestamp visible at the bottom of the screen, shows that PO Arencibia approaches an EMT who arrives on scene. Part of the conversation is not audible, due to the noise of the ambulance's running engine, but PO Arencibia is heard telling the EMT that he has dealt with \$87(2)(6) before, that \$87(2)(6) slapped the mirror of the police van closed, and that \$87(2)(b) has a laceration on his head. The EMT then opens the rear door of the ambulance, enters, and PO Guzman escorts serons into the ambulance (BR 06). The AIDED report noted that the officers responded to a job at the POLO grounds as per the 30th Precinct lieutenant. Upon arrival, the AIDED male sarcoto was standing in the officers way and not allowing the officers to get by. \$87(2)(6) moved out of the way once the officers passed. intentionally caused harm to himself by slapping the passenger window with his left hand. No damage was sustained to the patrol vehicle (BR 18). §87(2)(6) appeared to have a cut on his eyebrow but it was unknown how the cut was sustained. An emotionally disturbed person as a "person who appears to be mentally ill or temporarily deranged" who must be taken into protective custody if officers reasonably believe that the person is likely to injure themselves or others. The procedure notes that officers should attempt to slow the pace of the incident, establish dialogue with the emotionally disturbed person while awaiting specialized personnel, have the emotionally disturbed person removed to a hospital by ambulance, and ride in the body of the ambulance with the emotionally disturbed person. Additionally, officers may restrain the individual if appropriate and remove any property that is dangerous to life or will aid escape NYPD Patrol Guide Procedure 221-13 (BR 14). alleged that PO Arencibia removed him to the hospital. While \$87(2)(6) stated that he was not upset about going to the hospital and that he wanted his injuries looked at, according to the injuries were sustained while PO Arencibia took \$87(2)(6) into custody to remove him to the hospital as an EDP. PO Arencibia stated that he believed that \$87(2)(0) was an EDP as he had a previous interaction with \$87(2)(6) in which \$87(2)(6) hallucinated that there were snakes under his bed. PO Arencibia's statement is supported by second medical records which state that has had a previous medical history of psychosis, erratic behavior, and hallucinations. Furthermore, PO Arencibia stated that he believed that \$87(2)(6) needed medical attention as he stood in front of the moving van and struck the mirror, actions that were captured on BWC (See Allegation A). The investigation has concluded that \$87000 action of hitting the mirror of a moving vehicle did put him at risk of harming himself, and was indicative of \$870,00 mental state. \$870,00 also noted that he was a willing participant in being removed to the hospital to get his injury examined. Allegation G – Abuse of Authority: At 1970 Hospital in Manhattan, Police Officer Dylan Arencibia failed to provide \$87(2)(0) with a business card. Allegation H – Abuse of Authority: At Manhattan, Police Officer Orandi Guzman failed to provide \$87(2)(6) with a business card.

testified that after arriving at \$87000 Hospital, the officers walked \$87000 into the ER

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